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Wednesday, April 28, 1982/DAILY NEWS

PRESIDENT'S DAY — Charter and Past Presidents' Day will be celebrated by the Van Nuys Woman's Club at a noon luncheon today at the clubhouse.

Past presidents to be honored will be Mmes. Harold Orner, Lloyd Rainey, Raymond Post, George Chapman, J. Howard Wilson, George Baker, Lewis Reed, Robert Ellis, Andrew Hamilton, John Osborn, David Moore, Edward Traurig and James Neel.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, May 26, 1982

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS — Three Valley students will receive scholarships at the noon luncheon meeting today of the Van Nuys Woman's Club, said Marion Woods, scholarship chairman. Recipients are Rebecca Howe and David Claus, both of Van Nuys High School, who will receive the English award. The award for a nursing student at Valley College will go to Leslie Jackson Sr.

Presiding will be Mae O'Leary, president, with a book review presented by Mary Dorr to follow the awards.

Wednesday, June 9, 1982/DAILY NEWS

WOMAN'S CLUB — The new executive board of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will be installed at a noon luncheon meeting today at the clubhouse with Jeanne Anderson, past president of the Sierra Cahuenga District, as the installing officer. Mae O'Leary will be installed for a second term as president. She will be assisted by Dorothy Lewis and Lorraine Butts, vice presidents; Frances Weaver, Margaret Porter and Rhoda Petty, secretaries, and Mildred Chapman, treasurer.

Additional board members will be Winnie Keeshen, Leone Traurig, Claire Kazlauskas, Ena Williamson, Florence Kaatz, Helen Betting, Hazel Ovist and Edith Flanagan.

Program chairman Betting said Aloha O Hawaii will be the theme of the entertainment, which will feature Polynesian culture from ancient times to the present day.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, October 6, 198

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse with Jim Prevo presenting a program on "Paramedics," said Leone Traurig, chairman.

During October and November, oil paintings by Barbara Mowinkle will be on display at the clubhouse.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, October 27, 1982

CLUB PROGRAM — Mary Dorr will present a book review and dramatization at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon today at the clubhouse. Dorr is known for her award-winning reporting on radio and TV, said Helen Betting, program chairman. Presiding will be Mae O'Leary, president.

Wednesday, December 29, 1982/DAILY NEW

MISSIONARY PROJECT — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 5 at the clubhouse with Leone Traurig, chairman, presiding.

Rev. Ron Traurig, chaplain from the Los Angeles Police Department, will describe and show slides from his recent missionary trip to Paupai, New Guinea. Accompanying Traurig on his trip were 20 college students.

Wednesday, January 12, 1983/DAILY NEWS

71ST ANNIVERSARY — The Van Nuys Woman's Club is celebrating the 71st anniversary of its founding today with a noon luncheon at the clubhouse. Mae O' Leary, president, will conduct a brief business meeting prior to the musical entertainment provided by Debbie Wofford. An accomplished pianist and composer, Wofford is legally blind, said Helen Betting, program chairman.

Wednesday, February 2, 1983/DAILY NEWS

DESCANSO GARDENS — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse in Van Nuys. Following a short business meeting conducted by Leone Traurig, chairman, a slide program on Descanso Gardens will be presented.

A display of oil paintings by Dolores Naugle will be on exhibit in the clubhouse during February and March, said Florence Kaatz, press chairman.

Wednesday, February 9, 1983/DAILY NEWS

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Mary Reynolds, mezzo soprano, will sing at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon today at the clubhouse. Presiding over a brief business session will be Mae O'Leary, president, with Helen Betting, program chairwoman, introducing the soloist.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, March 9, 1983

SUNSHINE SINGERS — Entertainment will be provided by the Sunshine Singers at the noon luncheon meeting today of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Accompanying the singers will be Manny Strand, pianist, conductor and arranger, said Helen Betting, program chairwoman. Presiding at the brief business session will be Mae O'Leary, president.

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Wednesday, April 6, 1983/DAILY NEWS

COLLECTIBLES AND TREASURES — The Garden Section of Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys.

Members will bring for display collectibles and treasures such as antiques, said Florence Kaatz, press chairman. Following dessert and coffee, card games are planned.

Wednesday, April 13, 1983/DAILY NEWS

VARIETY BAND — The White Chapel Variety Band will be featured at the noon luncheon meeting today of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Conducting a brief business meeting will be Mae O'Leary, president, with Helen Betting, program chairman, introducing the entertainment.

Wednesday, April 27, 1983/DAILY NEWS

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Charter and Past Presidents' Day will be celebrated by the members of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., said Mae O'Leary, president. She noted the local club received its charter in 1912.

Past presidents to be honored are Mmes. Harold Orner, Lloyd Rainey, Raymond Post, George Chapman, Howard Wilson, George Baker, Lewis Reed, Robert Ellis, Andrew Hamilton, John Osborn, David Moore, Edward Traurig and James Neel.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, May 4, 1983 L—

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Slides of koala bears and other Australian animals in the Greater Los Angeles Zoo will be shown to members of the Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. A brief business meeting will be conducted by Leone Traurig, chairman. Dessert and coffee will be served followed by card games.

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L Wednesday, May 11, 1983/DAILY NEWS

MAY BRUNCH — The Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold its annual May brunch at 11 a.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., with Mae O'Leary, president, presiding.

Providing the musical entertainment will be Leo Holstein, singer and guitarist, said Helen Betting, program chairwoman. In charge of hospitality will be Claire Kazlauskas, assisted by Florence Katz.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983/DAILY NEWS

Club is planning to install its new officers

The Van Nuys Woman's Club will install its new executive board for the upcoming year at a noon luncheon meeting today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Dorothy Lewis will be seated as the new president. Inducted with her will be La Vern Butts, vice president; Frances Weaver, Margaret Porter and Rhoda Petty, secretaries; Mildred Chapman, treasurer, and Leone Traurig, parliamentarian.

Also on the board are Mae O'Leary, Margaret Wuest, Sharlotte Funk, Ena Williamson, Jeannette Patterson, Helen Betting and Hazel Ovist.

Installing officer will be Jo Collter, past president of Sierra Cahuenga District, California Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the Palmdale Woman's Club.

Entertainment will be provided by George Goulding, pianist.

DAILY NEWS/Friday, July 1, 1983 L—

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will install officers at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Margaret Wuest will be installed as chairman with Leone Traurig, outgoing chairman, serving as installing officer.

Traurig will present the club with three flowering crab trees to be planted on the clubhouse grounds, said Florence Kaatz, publicity coordinator.

Other assuming office will be Margaret Porter, co-chairman; Mary Krieger, secretary and Rose Ellsworth, treasurer.

Additional members of the board will be Helen Betting, Laura Messineo, Leone Traurig, Dorothy Lewis, Ann Stenen, Karen Hogan and La Vern Butts. Card games, dessert and coffee will follow the installation.

DAILY NEWS/ Wednesday, October 12, 1983

AUTUMN TEA — Mrs. George Lewis, newly elected president of the Van Nuys Woman's Club, will preside as the club opens its 71st year with an Autumn Tea at 1 p.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

"Ed Diamond Salutes America in Concert" will be the musical program, featuring popular tunes of the 1930s and 1940s, said Jeanette Patterson, press coordinator.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, October 26, 1983

MUSIC INTERNATIONAL — Following a noon luncheon today, Music International, a group of four musicians, will entertain at the meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club, 14836 Sylvan St. Mrs. George Lewis, president, will preside.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, November 2, 1983

HELP FOR VAN NUYS — "The Revitalization of Van Nuys" will be discussed by Bruce D. Ackerman, executive vice president of the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Presiding over a brief business will be Mrs. William Wuest, and Mrs. George Lewis, president of the club, will present a flower arranging demonstration for the Timely Topics section.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, November 9, 1983

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — A group of 15 vocalists, known as the "Sunshine Singers," will present a musical program at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. The brief business meeting will be conducted Dorothy Lewis, president, with Helen Betting, program chairman, introducing the entertainers.

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Neighbors, Daily News—Nov. 30, 1983

HELP FOR VA HOSPITAL — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will present its annual monetary gift to the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital during a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7 at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylva St. Conducting the business meeting will be Margaret Wuest, chairman.

Wednesday, December 14, 1983/DAILY NEWS

BENEFIT FOR POLICE FUND — The Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold a bake sale at 11 a.m. today with the proceeds going to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Fund. The event is scheduled at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. said Dorothy Lewis, president.

Entertainment will be provided by the Granada Hills High School Choral Group under the leadership of Jean Chamberlain.

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Neighbors, Daily News—Dec. 28, 1983

SAN NICHOLAS ISLANDS — Dorothea Haggerty, history, landmarks and museums chairman of the Sierra Cahuenga District of Woman's Clubs, will talk on the San Nicholas Islands at the meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club Garden Section at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. Conducting the meeting will be Margaret West, chairman.

Following the program, members and friends will have dessert and coffee and then enjoy an afternoon of cards.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, January 11, 1984

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — The Van Nuys Woman's Club will celebrate its 71st anniversary at a noon luncheon today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Helen Betting, program chairman, will introduce the Vintage Collection Fashion Show, a group that presents styles from 1846 to 1983. Dorothy Lewis, president, will conduct a short business meeting.

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Neighbors, Daily News—Jan. 25, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Lillian Smalley, a member of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will present a slide program and discuss her trip to Peru at a meeting of the Garden Section of the club at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. Presiding will be Margaret Wuest. Dessert and cards are planned following the program.

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DAILY NEWS/ Wednesday, February 1, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — An unusual program, titled "Paper Capers," will be presented by Pearl Bennett at a luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon Feb. 8, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Bennett, who was taught the ancient art of paper folding by a Chinese man, will sing while folding and tearing papers into patterns, said Helen Betting, program chairman.

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Neighbors, Daily News—Feb. 15, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Robert Mantzke, a singer and comedian, will entertain at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., said Betting, program coordinator. Presiding will be Dorothy Lewis, president.

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Neighbors, Daily News—March 7, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Dorothy Lewis, club president, will talk on spring flowers, said Margaret Wuest, chairman of the event.

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Neighbors, Daily News—March 14, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Jeanne Davis, a past president of the Sherman Oaks Woman's Club, will entertain with book reviews at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Presiding will be Dorothy Lewis, president, with Helen Betting introducing the speaker.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, March 21, 1984

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — Carol Kelly, singer, will entertain at the luncheon of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at noon Wednesday, March 28 at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Presiding will be Dorothy Lewis, president, with introductions made by Helen Betting, program chairman.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, March 28, 1984

HOLY LAND — A slide program and talk on the Holy Land will be presented by Charlotte Funk at the meeting of the Garden Section of Van Nuys Woman's Club at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. After the program dessert and coffee will be served.

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DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, April 25, 1984

Chorale to perform for woman's club

The Mary Annettes Valley Women's Chorale will perform at the luncheon meeting of the Van Nuys Woman's Club today at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

The luncheon, which will celebrate Charter and Past President's Day, will begin at noon and the musical program is set at 1:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Joyce Fizzolio, the chorale will present selections from "A Chorus Line" and "Music Man," accompanied by Lura Hungerford, pianist.

The Mary Annettes performed at the Christmas program televised from the Music Center and have also performed for many service clubs.

Jackie Sargent, public relations coordinator, noted the chorale has an open membership policy for women with a choral background. Women interested in membership may call 363-6437, 789-4354 or 341-8849.

Presiding will be Dorothy Lewis, president of the Woman's Club, with Helen Betting, program chairman, introducing the singers.

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Neighbors, Daily News—May 30, 1984

SECTION MEETING — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. June 6 at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

Wednesday, July 4, 1984/DAILY NEWS

VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold its installation of officers at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. with Mrs. Edward Traurig as the installing officer.

Incoming officers are Margaret Wuest, chairman; Margaret Porter, co-chairman; Mary Krueger, secretary,and rose Ellsworth, treasurer.

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VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden and Card Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 1, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. "Timely Topics" will be presented by Dorothy Lewis, president, with "Vacation Reflections" by members returning from vacation. Dessert and cards will follow the program.

Neighbors, Daily News—July 26, 1984

Wednesday, August 29, 1984 — DAILY NEWS

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VAN NUYS WOMAN'S CLUB — The Garden and Card Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club will serve a salad bar luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 5, at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys.

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Sunday, October 7, 1984

The Van Nuys Womens Club Autumn Tea will take place at 1 p.m. in its club house, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. Dorothy Lewis, president, will preside. For more information, call (818) 780-4324 or (818) 785-6772.

Neighbors, Daily News—October 10, 1984

The Van Nuys Womens Club Autumn Tea will take place at 1 p.m. in its club house, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. Dorothy Lewis, president, will preside. For more information, call (818) 780-4324 or (818) 785-6772.

Neighbors, Daily News—October 24, 1984

Today

The Van Nuys Woman's Club will meet at noon at their clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. The "Happy Hoofers," a group of men and women from the Multipurpose Wilkinson Center, will provide entertainment. For more information, call (818) 780-4324.

Wednesday, November 7, 1984/DAILY NEWS

"My Experiences in Brazil," a slide presentation by Lillian Smalley, will be shown at the meeting of the Garden Section of the Van Nuys Woman's Club at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

-VAl Neighbors, Daily News—November 28, 1984

The Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting at noon in their clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St.

DAILY NEWS/Wednesday, November 14, 1984

The Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold a meeting at noon at their clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St. Dorothy Lewis will preside over the business meeting and Teresa Duran will present a musical program.

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F/Tuesday, December 11, 1984/

Bake Sale—The Van Nuys Woman's Club will hold a bake sale at its regular meeting; noon; 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys (free).

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Tomorrow

Events of Wednesday

Women's Club—The Van Nuys Women's Club will hold its meeting, with English scholarships awarded to four Van Nuys High School students; noon; Van Nuys Women's Clubhouse, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys (information 780-4324).

Organization meetings

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Neighbors, Daily News—June 12, 1985 —

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Van Nuys will mark 75th anniversary

5/3/86 Daily News

Van Nuys is 75 years old today.

A three-month birthday party starts this morning with a classic-car motorcade along Sylvan Street.

This will be the first of several activities planned for today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of one of California's first planned communities.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Sylvan and Van Nuys Boulevard and will feature music from the combined marching bands of Grant, Birmingham and Van Nuys high schools.

A ceremony will be held at 10:15 a.m. at the Van Nuys Woman's Club, 14836 Sylvan St., to commemorate the day when developer W.P. Whitsett put the community up for sale. The community was annexed by the City of Los Angeles on Feb. 22, 1911.

James W. Cleary, president of California State University, Northridge, will be one of the featured speakers at the ceremony.

After the ceremony members of the Diamond Jubilee Historical Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the history of Van Nuys and to share thoughts about its early days.

An official Diamond Jubilee poster will be unveiled and artifacts and photographs from Van Nuys' past will be displayed.

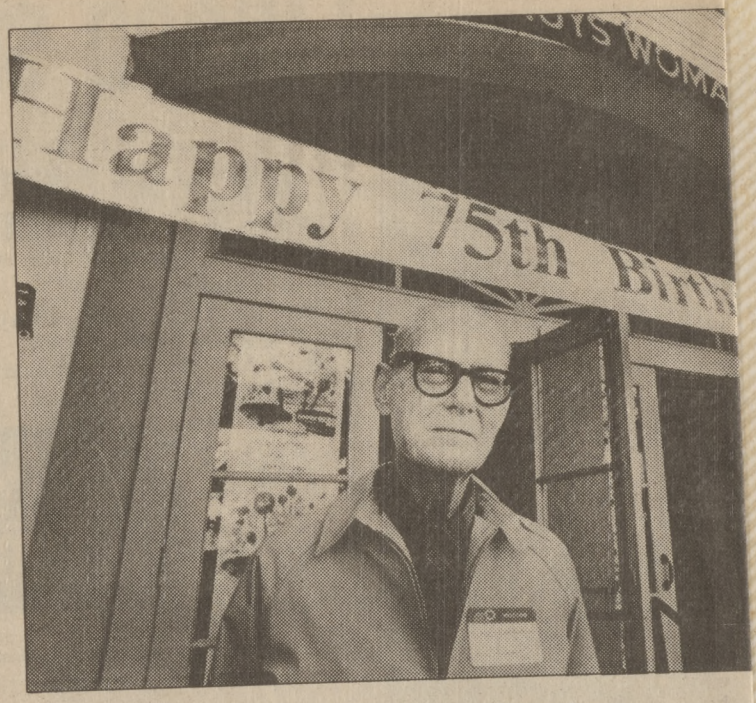
The jubilee will feature 75 days of community events sponsored by area clubs and organizations. The Jubilee-Recycler Street Festival, set for May 10 and 11, will feature arts, crafts and entertainment.

The "History of Van Nuys on Wheels" classic car parade will be held May 14, along Van Nuys Boulevard from Burbank Boulevard to Victory Boulevard and back to Burbank Boulevard.

A tribute dinner sponsored by the Daily News, Valley Hospital Medical Center and radio station KGIL-FM will be held May 22 at the hospital, 14500 Sherman Circle, Van Nuys.

For more information about upcoming events, call the Greater Van Nuys Area Chamber of Commerce at (818) 989-0300.

Old-Timers Reminisce as Van Nuys Turns 75



By BOB POOL,
Times Staff Writer

All his life, Whitley Van Nuys Huffaker has taken guff over his name.

As a kid, he was always asked if he was named for the community. Now, at age 74, he's kiddingly asked if the area was named after him.

That question was answered Saturday when Huffaker joined dozens of other old-timers to commemorate Van Nuys' 75th anniversary.

Van Nuys—the community, that is—came first, but not by much, Huffaker explained.

"I was the first baby born in Van Nuys," he said. "Oct. 18, 1911. The town was formed on Feb. 22, 1911."

Mindful of their baby's place in history, Huffaker's parents named him in honor of two of the town's founders, subdivider H.J. Whitley and landowner Isaac Newton Van Nuys. Whitley helped plan the street layout when the town was built on Isaac Van Nuys' former ranch.

Stories Served Up

Stories of those early days were served up along with cookies and cake to 150 people who jammed the 69-year-old Van Nuys Womans Club to kick off a 75-day "diamond jubilee" celebration.

Officials announced during the ceremonies that the family of pioneer Van Nuys developer William P. Whitsett has established a $500,000 endowment to support the study of California history at California State University, Northridge. Described as the first endowment of its type for the school, it will support a history lecture series at the university.

Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce leaders said they hope the 75-day event will help show that their town is as exciting to live and work in now as it was in the old days—when it was known as one of this country's first planned communities.

Old-timers said Saturday that will take some doing.

"Those days were the best," said Harriet Davenport, a member of the Van Nuys High School class of 1934. "We had everything we needed here then. The street cars could take us to Santa Monica. We had dances here at this hall. Kids really had someplace to go."

Her husband, Herb Davenport, 70, picked out familiar faces from photos displayed in the Womans Club hall. Then he spied a real face across the room that belonged to his old school bus driver, Clair Cornwell.

Cornwell, 76, drove the bus for his father, who ran the local bus line. His family also ran the local swimming pool, Cornwell's Crystal Plunge on Kester Avenue.

"We used to watch the gals go swimming, hoping their suits would come off," he recalled. "But they never did."

Donald Nordvold, 72, said his father had opened the first retail business in town, a combination furniture showroom and undertaker's office, he said.

"I used to ride my pony through vacant lots in the middle of Van Nuys. We'd fish in the wash for crayfish. It was great fun."

Al Inbach, 88, said he came to Van Nuys in 1911. He said Saturday that he plowed a 190-acre Victory Boulevard farm that his family rented to grow hay and watermelons.

His brother, Oscar, 84, delivered milk in three-gallon cans hung from his horse's saddle. "We had two cows that we'd brought with us from Phoenix," Oscar Inbach said.

"In those days, we kids had nothing. But we had everything. We had the whole world."

Saturday's ceremony included a short parade down Sylvan Street led by 50 band members from the community's three high schools—Van Nuys, Grant and Birming-